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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

THE APPLE AND WOODS SURVEYS

EACH YEAR THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH AND THE MAINE JOB SERVICE CONDUCT THE APPLE AND WOODS WAGE SURVEYS. THESE SURVEYS ARE CONDUCTED DURING THE APPLE HARVESTING SEASON IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, AND DURING SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER FOR THE PULPWOOD AND LOGGING INDUSTRY.

THE DATA COLLECTED DURING THESE SURVEYS ARE REPORTED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO COMPLY WITH THEIR REGULATIONS INVOLVING BONDED OR ALIEN WORKERS. LAST YEAR IN MAINE THE NUMBER OF BONDED WORKERS INCLUDED OVER 400 BRITISH WEST INDIANS PICKING APPLES AND OVER 400 CANADIANS HARVESTING WOOD. IF WAGE RATES PAID TO BONDED WORKERS WERE LOWER THAN PREVAILING WAGES FOR AMERICANS PERFORMING THE SAME WORK, THE RESULT COULD BE DISCRIMINATORY HIRING PRACTICES ADVERSELY AFFECTING MAINE WORKERS. THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT AS MUCH WAGE DATA AS POSSIBLE BE OBTAINED SO THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CAN SET PIECE OR WAGE RATES FOR BONDED LABOR BASED ON CURRENT WAGE LEVELS.

THE APPLE WAGE SURVEY PROVIDES WAGE DATA GATHERED FROM THE COMMERCIAL APPLE GROWERS IN MAINE. THE SURVEY IS CONCERNED WITH THE WAGES PAID TO AMERICAN WORKERS IN TWO CROP ACTIVITIES: SPOT PICKING AND STRIP PICKING. SPOT PICKING IS PICKING DONE ON A SELECTIVE BASIS ACCORDING TO SIZE, COLOR, ETC. THIS MAY BE DONE SEVERAL TIMES TO ONE TREE. ONCE A TREE HAS BEEN SPOT PICKED IT CANNOT, BY DEFINITION, BE STRIP PICKED EVEN THOUGH A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE APPLES MAY REMAIN ON THE TREE. STRIP PICKING ENTAILS PICKING ALL THE FRUIT AT ONE TIME ON A TREE THAT HAS NOT BEEN SPOT PICKED.

THE WOODS WAGE SURVEY IS CONCERNED WITH ALL CUTTING AND NONCUTTING OCCUPATIONS ENGAGED BY LOGGING CAMPS AND LOGGING CONTRACTORS. ALL CUTTING OCCUPATIONS ARE EXAMINED BY TYPE OF WOOD, I.E., PULPWOOD - FOUR-FOOT - SOFTWOOD; AND BY CUTTING ACTIVITY, I.E., FELL, LIMB, TOP, SKID TREE LENGTH, BUCK, AND PILE. ALL NONCUTTING OCCUPATIONS ARE EXAMINED BY SPECIFIC OCCUPATION, I.E., COOK, SUPERVISOR, TRUCK

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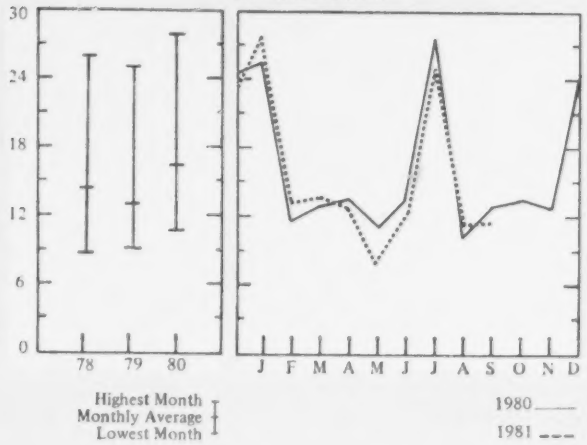
in Thousands



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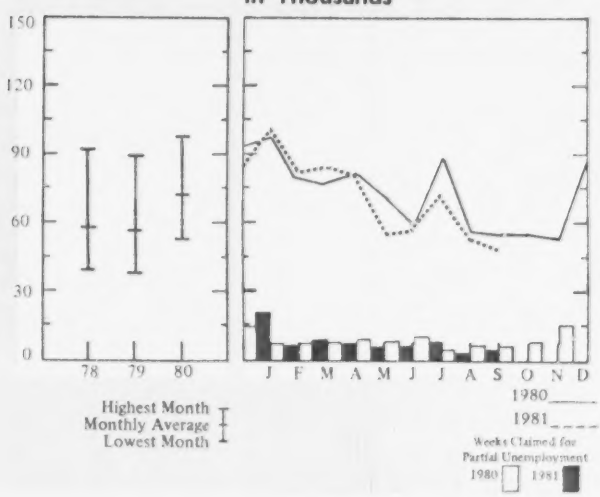


Labor Turnover Rates in Maine Manufacturing Industries Per 100 Employee

INDUSTRY TITLE	ACCESSION RATES									SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Recalls			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1981	July 1981	Aug. 1980
Manufacturing	5.1	4.7	6.9	3.6	3.2	4.9	1.2	1.3	1.8	6.2	4.3	6.3	3.1	1.9	3.5	2.2	1.7	1.8
Durable Goods	3.6	3.4	3.9	2.6	2.5	2.3	0.6	0.7	1.2	3.5	3.1	5.0	2.2	1.5	2.2	0.4	0.9	1.8
Lumber and Wood Products	4.7	5.2	6.3	3.2	3.1	3.2	0.9	1.8	2.4	5.7	4.7	7.8	3.7	2.3	3.3	0.8	1.4	3.0
Metals and Machinery	3.5	2.0	3.6	2.3	1.7	2.3	0.7	0.1	1.0	2.8	2.6	3.5	1.5	1.2	1.9	0.4	0.8	0.7
Other Durable Goods	2.5	3.2	1.6	2.3	3.0	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	2.3	2.4	3.8	1.5	1.2	1.4	0.1	0.5	2.0
Nondurable Goods	6.0	5.7	8.5	4.2	3.7	6.3	1.5	1.8	2.1	7.7	4.9	7.1	3.6	2.1	4.3	3.3	2.2	1.7
Food and Kindred Products	12.3	14.9	23.5	8.9	5.8	17.0	3.3	9.0	6.5	10.0	10.2	12.5	4.6	1.8	5.4	4.9	7.8	6.0
Textile Mill Products	4.9	6.1	4.1	3.5	5.0	2.7	0.9	0.7	1.0	8.5	8.8	8.6	3.9	4.0	4.5	3.4	3.7	3.2
Apparel	4.7	4.2	5.8	3.6	3.7	5.2	0.9	0.4	0.5	3.7	3.3	5.5	3.5	2.1	3.7	0.0	0.5	0.0
Paper and Allied Products	1.4	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	3.1	1.1	2.8	2.4	0.5	1.7	0.0	0.2	0.4
Leather and Leather Products	8.3	6.2	10.6	5.4	5.1	8.1	2.6	1.0	2.3	12.2	6.1	8.3	4.6	3.3	6.5	6.7	2.1	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.1	3.5	2.9	2.7	0.7	0.6	1.4	5.3	2.9	5.0	2.6	1.9	2.8	1.6	0.4	1.0

Female Labor Force in Maine
in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	212.4	217.5	212.9
Unemployed	15.8	15.6	17.7
(Percent)	7.4	7.2	8.3
Resident Employed	196.6	201.9	195.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.2

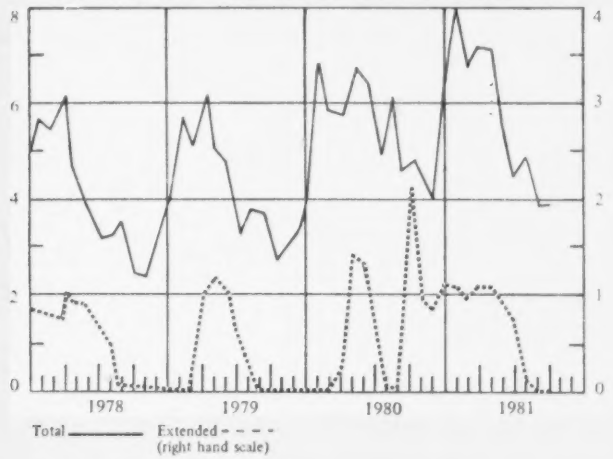
1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

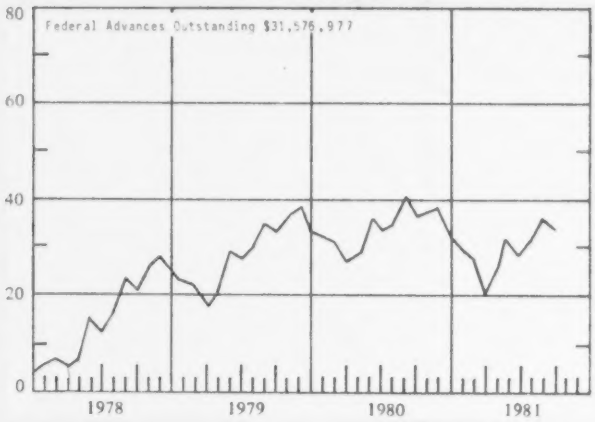
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

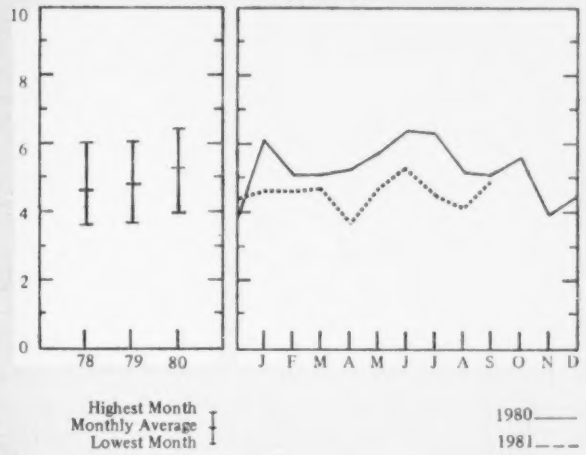
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	423.6	431.8	427.6	94.0	94.6	93.3	34.2	34.9	35.5
Total Manufacturing	114.5	116.6	115.1	18.4	18.5	18.9	11.3	11.5	12.1
Durable Goods	42.1	42.4	41.6	7.5	7.4	8.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.2	13.6	13.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.8	16.7	16.6	6.7	6.5	6.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.1	12.1	11.4	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	72.4	74.2	73.5	10.9	11.1	10.8	9.2	9.4	10.0
Food and Kindred Products	9.9	10.4	11.3	2.5	2.6	2.5	0.9	0.9	1.5
Textile Mill Products	8.1	8.2	8.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.9
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	18.7	19.0	17.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	21.2	21.9	21.9	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	(17.5)	(18.4)	(18.6)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(3.2)	(3.2)	(3.2)
All Other	(3.7)	(3.5)	(3.3)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	9.5	9.7	9.8	4.9	5.0	4.7	2.3	2.4	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	309.1	315.2	312.5	75.6	76.1	74.4	22.9	23.4	23.4
Contract Construction	21.4	21.5	22.6	4.0	3.8	4.0	1.3	1.3	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.2	19.8	19.1	5.5	5.7	5.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	90.4	93.2	91.9	26.1	26.9	25.1	8.2	8.2	8.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	16.9	17.2	16.8	7.8	7.9	7.4	1.6	1.6	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	81.5	86.8	81.4	20.3	20.5	20.2	7.7	8.0	7.6
Government	79.7	76.7	80.7	11.9	11.3	12.3	2.9	3.1	3.2
Federal	(18.2)	(18.4)	(18.1)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.5)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(61.5)	(58.3)	(62.6)	(10.5)	(9.9)	(10.8)	(2.6)	(2.8)	(2.9)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication.

New Applications For Work

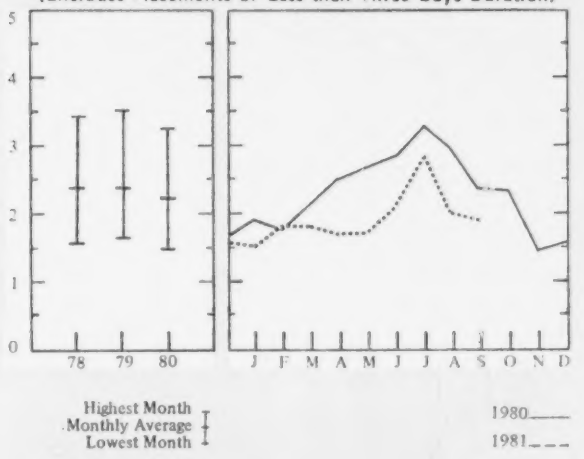
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1980	1979	1978
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$276.98	$270.28	$246.21	40.2	40.4	40.1	$6.89	$6.69	$6.14	$6.00	$5.42	$4.91
Durable Goods	286.31	287.04	262.68	40.1	40.6	40.6	7.14	7.07	6.47	6.27	5.61	5.13
Lumber and Wood Products	258.13	269.28	259.26	38.7	40.8	40.7	6.67	6.60	6.37	6.08	5.49	5.02
Metals and Machinery	269.20	267.33	240.20	40.0	39.9	39.9	6.73	6.70	6.02	5.87	5.27	4.92
Other Durable Goods	344.82	336.58	298.19	42.0	41.4	41.3	8.21	8.13	7.22	7.09	6.26	5.63
Nondurable Goods	271.22	260.34	237.41	40.3	40.3	39.9	6.73	6.46	5.95	5.85	5.31	4.79
Food and Kindred Products	206.44	217.59	185.82	38.3	40.9	38.0	5.39	5.32	4.89	5.01	4.65	4.25
Textile Mill Products	210.53	215.02	193.55	40.1	40.8	39.5	5.25	5.27	4.90	4.79	4.40	4.03
Apparel	185.60	180.56	175.22	35.9	36.7	37.6	5.17	4.92	4.66	4.49	4.15	3.83
Paper and Allied Products	469.44	420.81	405.17	48.5	45.2	46.2	9.68	9.31	8.77	8.31	7.44	6.71
Leather and Leather Products	180.93	188.78	177.49	35.2	35.8	36.9	5.14	5.13	4.81	4.72	4.23	3.88
Other Nondurable Goods	228.93	221.34	203.45	39.2	38.9	39.2	5.84	5.69	5.19	5.23	4.80	4.25
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	249.66	245.86	233.63	38.0	38.0	39.2	6.57	6.47	5.96	5.85	5.32	4.94
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	209.24	212.80	190.88	37.1	38.0	37.5	5.64	5.60	5.09	5.08	4.66	4.18

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	279.3	276.5	251.7	258.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+ 1.0
Percent Change from Last December	+ 8.1
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+11.0

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	519.9	523.5	520.0	488.5	491.9	484.3	31.4	31.6	35.7	6.0	6.0	6.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,700	41,800	40,800	40,500	39,600	38,200	2,200	2,200	2,600	5.2	5.3	6.4
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	30,700	31,000	31,100	28,700	28,900	28,900	2,000	2,100	2,200	6.5	6.8	7.1
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	37,700	37,900	38,800	35,000	35,300	36,100	2,700	2,600	2,700	7.2	6.9	7.0
Portland SMSA	90,500	91,700	90,900	86,200	87,100	85,900	4,300	4,600	5,000	4.8	5.0	5.5
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,690	29,160	28,960	26,890	27,230	27,030	1,800	1,930	1,930	6.3	6.6	6.7
Bath-Brunswick	22,720	23,240	21,480	21,780	22,210	20,210	940	1,030	1,270	4.1	4.4	5.9
Belfast	10,240	11,010	10,390	9,480	10,140	9,210	760	870	1,180	7.4	7.9	11.4
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	8,300	9,240	8,240	7,930	8,780	7,740	370	460	500	4.5	5.0	6.1
Calais-Eastport	15,370	17,080	15,780	14,330	15,890	14,400	1,040	1,190	1,380	6.8	7.0	8.7
Caribou-Presque Isle	28,360	21,160	28,900	25,900	18,610	26,290	2,460	2,550	2,610	8.7	12.1	9.0
Central Penobscot	4,130	4,300	4,390	3,940	4,110	4,170	190	190	220	4.6	4.4	5.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,770	6,690	6,640	6,500	6,410	6,210	270	280	430	4.0	4.2	6.5
Ellsworth	19,920	23,180	20,900	19,130	22,290	19,670	790	890	1,230	4.0	3.8	5.9
Farmington	12,880	12,800	12,850	12,130	12,020	11,910	750	780	940	5.8	6.1	7.3
Fort Kent-Allagash	6,210	4,710	6,060	5,750	4,290	5,630	460	420	430	7.4	8.9	7.1
Greenville	1,390	1,370	1,250	1,320	1,320	1,170	70	50	80	5.0	3.6	6.4
Houlton	7,050	4,780	6,920	6,600	4,310	6,250	450	470	670	6.4	9.8	9.7
Lincoln-Howland	5,480	5,590	5,240	5,210	5,300	4,920	270	290	320	4.9	5.2	6.1
Livermore Falls	5,480	5,400	5,410	4,990	4,850	4,980	490	550	430	8.9	10.2	7.9
Madawaska-Van Buren	5,310	4,570	5,550	4,910	4,200	5,080	400	370	470	7.5	8.1	8.5
Mechanic Falls	2,880	3,330	2,710	2,630	3,100	2,460	250	230	250	8.7	6.9	9.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,830	5,980	6,050	5,600	5,730	5,820	230	250	230	3.9	4.2	3.8
Patten-Island Falls	3,960	2,510	3,870	3,730	2,320	3,430	230	190	440	5.8	7.6	11.4
Rockland	16,900	17,710	17,070	16,090	16,900	15,910	810	810	1,160	4.8	4.6	6.8
Rumford	21,030	21,260	21,920	19,480	19,730	20,170	1,550	1,530	1,750	7.4	7.2	8.0
Sebago Lake Region	11,240	13,450	10,930	10,610	12,790	10,020	630	660	910	5.6	4.9	8.3
Skowhegan	19,630	20,130	19,450	17,170	18,490	17,780	2,460	1,640	1,670	12.5	8.1	8.6
Kittery-York	19,790	23,260	19,760	19,270	22,760	19,160	520	500	600	2.6	2.1	3.0
Southwest Penobscot	7,020	7,110	7,050	6,440	6,470	6,100	580	640	950	8.3	9.0	13.5
Waterville	21,770	22,120	20,790	20,340	20,770	19,520	1,430	1,350	1,270	6.6	6.1	6.1
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	1,593.2	1,597.8	1,611.0	1,497.1	1,497.6	1,518.2	96.1	100.2	92.8	6.0	6.3	5.8
Massachusetts	2,950.0	3,040.0	2,915.0	2,757.0	2,822.0	2,742.0	193.0	218.0	173.0	6.5	7.2	5.9
New Hampshire	n/a	479.7	466.7	n/a	458.7	445.4	n/a	21.0	21.3	n/a	4.4	4.6
Rhode Island	468.3	467.8	464.8	438.3	433.3	434.9	30.0	34.5	29.9	6.4	7.4	6.4
Vermont	241.3	241.6	246.2	230.4	229.4	231.7	10.9	12.2	14.5	4.5	5.0	5.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,826.9	5,703.7	n/a	5,441.0	5,372.2	n/a	385.9	331.5	n/a	6.6	5.8
UNITED STATES 3/	105,964	107,771	104,720	98,277	100,013	97,256	7,687	7,758	7,464	7.3	7.2	7.1

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

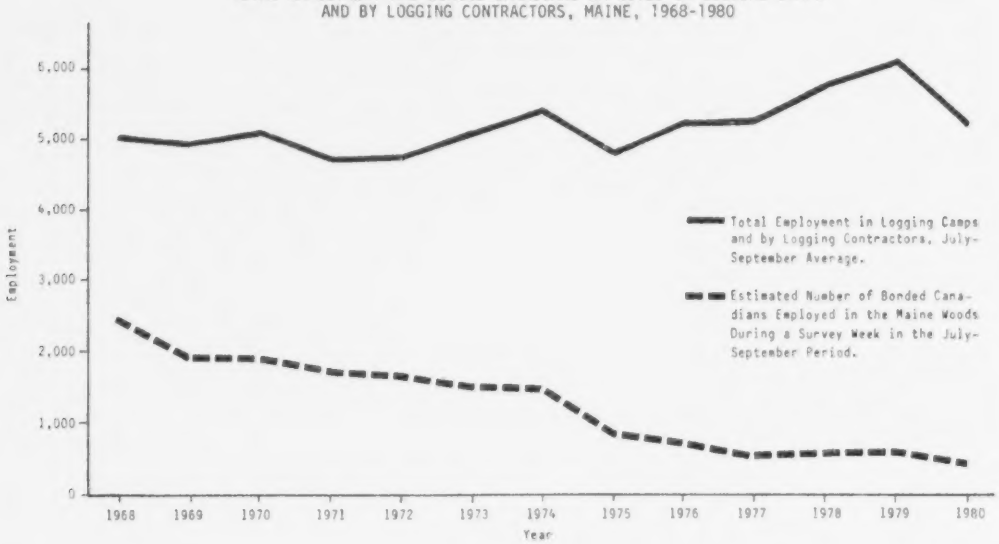
ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	10,953	11,217	11,668	1,409	1,597	1,605	845	913	878
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.7	2.7	2.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.6

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

DRIVER, ETC. THE SURVEY FORM INCLUDES 32 CUTTING AND 31 NONCUTTING OCCUPATIONS. THE TRAINED SURVEY TAKER ACCOUNTS FOR ANY ADDITIONAL OCCUPATIONS NOT LISTED ON THE FORM.

THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH AND THE MAINE JOB SERVICE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE APPLE GROWERS AND WOOD HARVESTERS WHO PARTICIPATE EACH YEAR IN THE SURVEYS.

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND BONDED CANADIANS EMPLOYED IN LOGGING CAMPS AND BY LOGGING CONTRACTORS, MAINE, 1968-1980



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